

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Claims 4, 5, and 12 have been amended to overcome the Examiner's objections. Claims 7 and 9 have been amended to correct minor formatting errors. Claims 1, 5, 12 and 17 have been amended to specify that the text files are .txt files. No new matter has been incorporated through these amendments as support is provided in Figure 2 and the corresponding text of the specification. Corrected drawings are being separately submitted to the Office to address the Draftperson's objections.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

The Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 5, 6, 10-12, 16-18 and 20 as being unpatentable over US Patent Number 6,324,671 to Ratzel et al. Applicants respectfully request that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) be withdrawn in light of these amendments and arguments presented below.

Claims 1, 5, 12 and 17 each have been amended to specify that the text files are .txt files, i.e., an ascii text file. Nowhere does Ratzel discuss a .txt file, i.e., an ascii text file. As a result of these amendments, each of the tasks are formatted as .txt files and are correlated or associated with a .txt file. The Applicants respectfully submit that Ratzel further fails to teach or disclose this feature also. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that claims 1, 5, 12, and 17 are not anticipated by Ratzel. For at least these reasons, claims 3, 6, 10-11, 16, 18, and 20 are not anticipated by Ratzel.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 4, 7, 9, 13, 15, and 19 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ratzel in view of US patent No. 5,437,037 to Furuichi. Claims 8

and 14 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ratzel in view of Furuichi further in view of US Patent No. 6,539,520 to Tiong et al.

Applicants respectfully submit that neither Furuichi nor Tiong cure the deficiencies of Ratzel described above. More particularly, nowhere does Ratzel discuss a .txt file, i.e., an ascii text file, or that each of the tasks are formatted as .txt files and are correlated or associated with a .txt file. Thus, claims 4, 7, 9, 13, 15, and 19 are patentable over the cited references for at least the above reasons.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance based on the foregoing remarks. If the Examiner has any questions concerning the present amendment, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at (408) 774-6921. If any other fees are due in connection with filing this amendment, the Commissioner is also authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. ADAPP243). A copy of the transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

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